

CLAIMS:

1. A method of allocating shared resources between applications with media information on a resource limited platform, characterized in that the method comprises the following steps:
 - identifying an application with a current focus of a user;
 - 5 setting or increasing the output quality of the application with the current focus of the user;
 - automatically allocating a remaining part of the resources to at least one application without the current focus of the user.
- 10 2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of identifying the application with the current focus of the user is selected from at least one of the group of: user controlled, system controlled, or externally controlled.
3. A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the user controlled step
15 of identifying the application with the current focus of the user, comprises one or more of the following steps:
 - selecting a new application as the application with the current focus of the user, when the new application is opened;
 - changing the application with the current focus of the user to an application
20 just switched to upon switching to an already opened application;
 - when the user closes down an application with the current focus, switching to the application with the preceding focus of the user by keeping a record of the order of previously opened applications to indicate their importance in decreasing order, where the most recently opened application has the highest importance.
- 25 4. A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the system controlled step of identifying the application with the current focus of the user, is performed by one of the following steps:

an automatically changing of the current focus of the user according to a predetermined priority hierarchy of the available applications;

keeping a record of the order of previously opened applications to indicate their importance in decreasing order, where the most recently opened application has the highest importance and, switching to the application with the preceding focus of the user when the user closes down an application with the current focus.

5 5. A method according to claim 2, characterized in that a provider of the media information performs the externally controlled step of identifying the application with the current focus of the user.

10 6. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of setting or increasing the output quality of the application with current focus of the user is performed automatically by means of automatic settings of the overall system control and with no additional input from the user.

7. A method according to claim 1 or 6, characterized in the step of decreasing or increasing the output quality of the application with the current focus of the user is performed manually by user interaction by means of a user interface.

20 8. A method according to claims 6 and 7, characterized in that the automatic settings of the overall system control is influenced by a learning function, which takes previous user settings of the past into account.

25 9. A system for allocating shared resources between applications with media information on a resource limited platform, characterized in that the system comprises:

means for identifying an application with a current focus of a user;

means for setting or increasing the output quality of the application with the current focus of the user;

30 means for automatically allocating a remaining part of the resources to at least one application without the current focus of the user.

10. A system according to claim 9, characterized in that the means for identifying the application with the current focus of the user is selected from at least one of the group of: user controlled means, system controlled means, or externally controlled means.

5 11. A system according to claim 10, characterized in that the user controlled means for identification of the application with the current focus of the user, comprises one or more of the following:

means for selecting a new application as the application with the current focus of the user, when the new application is opened;

10 means for changing the application with the current focus of the user to an application just switched to upon switching to an already opened application;

means for switching to the application with the preceding focus of the user, when the user closes down an application with the current focus, and

15 means for keeping a record of the order of previously opened applications to indicate their importance in decreasing order, where the most recently opened application has the highest importance.

12. A system according to claim 10, characterized in that the means for system controlled identification of the application with the current focus of the user, comprises:

20 means for automatical changing of the current focus of the user according to a predetermined priority hierarchy of the available applications;

means for keeping a record of the order of previously opened applications to indicate their importance in decreasing order, where the most recently opened application has the highest importance, and

25 means for switching to the application with the preceding focus of the user when the user closes down an application with the current focus.

13. A system according to claim 10, characterized in that a provider of the media information performs the externally controlled step of identifying the application with the
30 current focus of the user.

14. A system according to claim 9, characterized in that the means for setting or increasing the output quality of the application with current focus of the user is activated automatically and with no additional input from the user.

15. A system according to the claim 9, characterized in that the means for decreasing or increasing the output quality of the application with the current focus of the user is activated manually by user interaction by means of a user interface.

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16. A system according to claims 9-15, characterized in that the automatic settings of the overall system control is influenced by a learning function, which takes previous user settings of the past into account.

17. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions for causing a processing unit to execute the method according to any one of claims 1-8.